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SUBJ: KOREA AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC)

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1. SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR MOON CALLED ON AMB AUGUST 9 TO INFORM HIM OF MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE MOFA MONJI KOOLI ON AUGUST 6. MOON SAID HE HAD ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT WITH KOOLI TO CONFIRM THAT TUNISIAN POSITION WAS STILL THAT NEITHER NORTH NOR SOUTH KOREA SHOULD BE ADMITTED TO NAC, BUT THAT IN EVENT NORTH KOREA WAS ADMITTED TUNISIA WOULD SUPPORT SOUTH KOREAN APPLICATION (TUNIS 4334). KOOLI INFORMED MOON THAT TUNISIAN POSITION HAD CHANGED SOMEWHAT. TUNISIA WAS GOING TO CONFERENCE WITH INTENTION OF SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP FOR BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, IN EFFECT DROPPING FIRST STEP IN ORIGINAL TUNISIAN POSITION.

2. COMMENT: TUNISIAN POSITION AS PRESENTED TO SOUTH KOREAN AMB NOT AS NEGATIVE AS POSITION OUTLINED TO AMB BY FONMIN CHATTI ON DAY BEFORE AMB MOON'S

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MEETING WITH KOOLI (REFTEL), ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY

INCOMPATIBLE WITH WHAT CHATTI SAID SINCE FOREIGN
MINISTER TOLD AMB QUESTION OF NON-ALIGNED STATUS
OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA STILL BEING INVESTIGATED.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOT INFLUENCED BY OUR INFORMATION
THAT NORTH KOREA DID HAVE MUTUAL SECURITY PACTS
WITH BOTH SOVIET UNION AND PRC, AND IN THIS RESPECT
STATUS OF NORTH KOREA NOT ESSENTIALLY DIFFERENT FROM
THAT OF SOUTH KOREA. IN ANY CASE WE BELIEVE IT PROBABLE
THAT GOT WILL STILL SUPPORT ADMISSION OF SOUTH KOREA
IF IT APPARENT THAT NORTH KOREA HAS ENOUGH SUPPORT TO
GAIN ADMISSION.

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